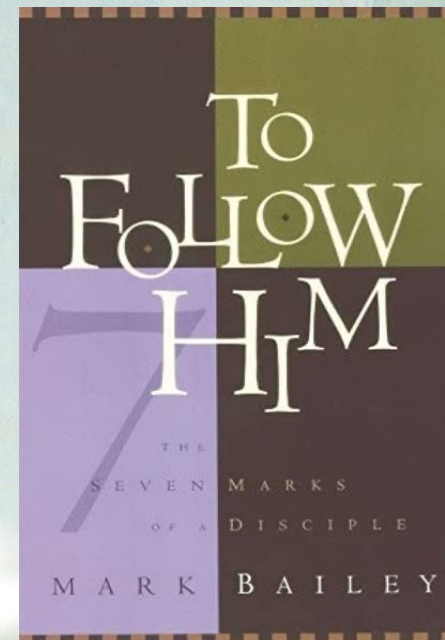
An open book with a painting of a boat on the cover. The painting shows a dark wooden boat on a sandy beach, with a person sitting in the boat. The sky is blue with white clouds. The book is open, showing the pages on either side of the cover.

The Master's Course
of Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bailey



Discipleship According to Jesus

- Disciples have a supreme love for Jesus (Luke 14:25-26).
- Disciples disavow their autonomy to Jesus (Luke 9:23).
- Disciples bear their cross (Luke 9:23).
- Disciples pattern their lives after Christ (Luke 9:23).





Discipleship According to Jesus

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, **“if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”**”

John 8:31 NIV



David Garland

“hold to my teachings”

“Denotes a **determined resolve** to **live out** in daily life the full scope of **Jesus’ teaching.**”



Josh McDowell

Uniqueness of the Bible

- Written in a span of 1500 years.
- Written by over 40 authors.
- Written on 3 continents.
- Written in 3 languages.
- One unfolding story!

An open book with a seascape illustration. The left page shows a small boat on the water. The right page shows a cloudy sky over the sea. The text is overlaid on the pages.

Discipleship According to Jesus

Disciples **make Jesus' Truth,**
their truth.

Question

Where does your truth still
trump His Truth in your
life?



An open book is shown, with the left page featuring a painting of a small boat on a body of water. The right page shows a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the book's pages.

Discipleship According to Jesus

“So therefore, any one of you who does not **renounce all that he has** cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33 ESV

Discipleship According to Jesus

- Disciples have a supreme love for Jesus (Luke 14:25-26).
 - Give up all other allegiances.
- Disciples disavow their autonomy to Jesus (Luke 9:23).
 - Give up self-rule.
- Disciples bear their cross (Luke 9:23).
 - Give up comfort.
- Disciples pattern their lives after Christ (Luke 9:23).
 - Give up lesser pursuits.



Discipleship According to Jesus

“In the same way, any of you who does not **give up everything he has** cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33 NIV





David Garland

Counting the Cost

The choice is not between Jesus and the devil. It is far more subtle. **It is between Jesus and our strongest allegiances.**



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“Renounce”

**“This word cannot
be easily softened,
perhaps only
ignored.”**

An open book with a seascape illustration. The left page shows a small boat on the water, and the right page shows a cloudy sky over the sea. The text is overlaid on the pages.

Discipleship According to Jesus

Disciples **renounce earthly pleasures** for Kingdom treasures.

Question

What are you afraid to lose?
What do you have to lose?



Discipleship According to Jesus

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you **have love for one another.**”

John 13:35 ESV



An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are a light, aged blue-green color. The background of the book's cover and pages is a photograph of a seascape. In the bottom left corner, the dark wooden hull of a small boat is visible, with a person's head and shoulders peering over the side. The sea is dark and calm, meeting a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day.

Discipleship According to Jesus

Disciples' **love for others**
shows who they really
love.

Question

Who does your love for
others show you love?



The Great Command

“And He said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the **great and foremost commandment.**”



The Great Command

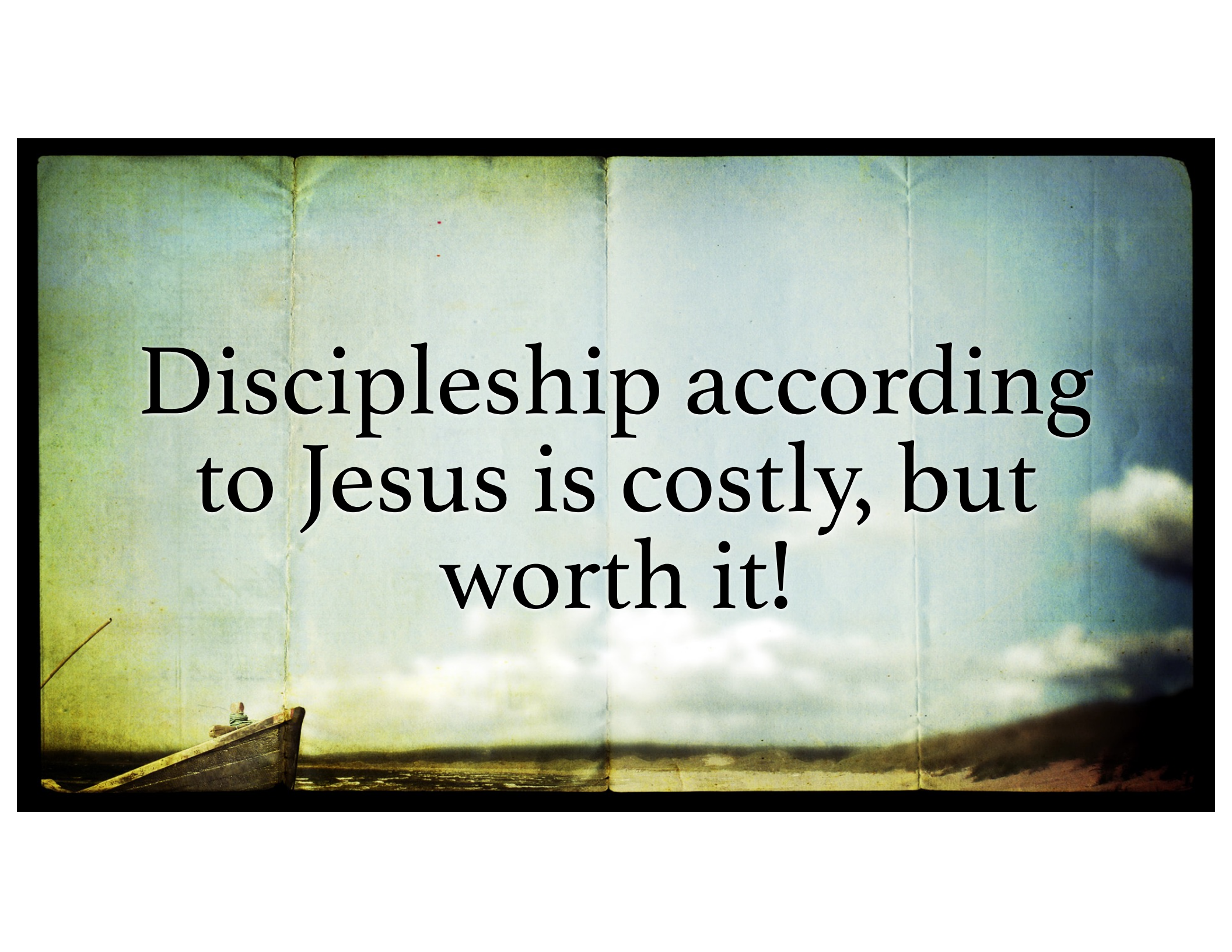
“The second is like it, ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ Upon these two commandments hang **the whole Law and the Prophets.**”

Matthew 22:37-40

The Great Commission

“Therefore go and **make disciples**
of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them**
to obey everything I have commanded
you...”

Matthew 28:19-20

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Discipleship according
to Jesus is costly, but
worth it!

Next Steps

I will tangibly share the love of Christ with someone this week.



Next Steps

I will start and end every day reading in one of the gospels this week.



Next Steps

I will take these truths and share them with
a younger Christian.



Downline Preview



Chris Kear



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CHOOSE FROM:

2023
PREVIEW NIGHT

THURSDAY, MAR 9 -
ROMANS @ 6:45 PM



TIM LUNDY
SENIOR PASTOR AT
VENTURE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH, LOS GATOS, CA

MONDAY, MAR 13 -
EPHESIANS @ 6:45
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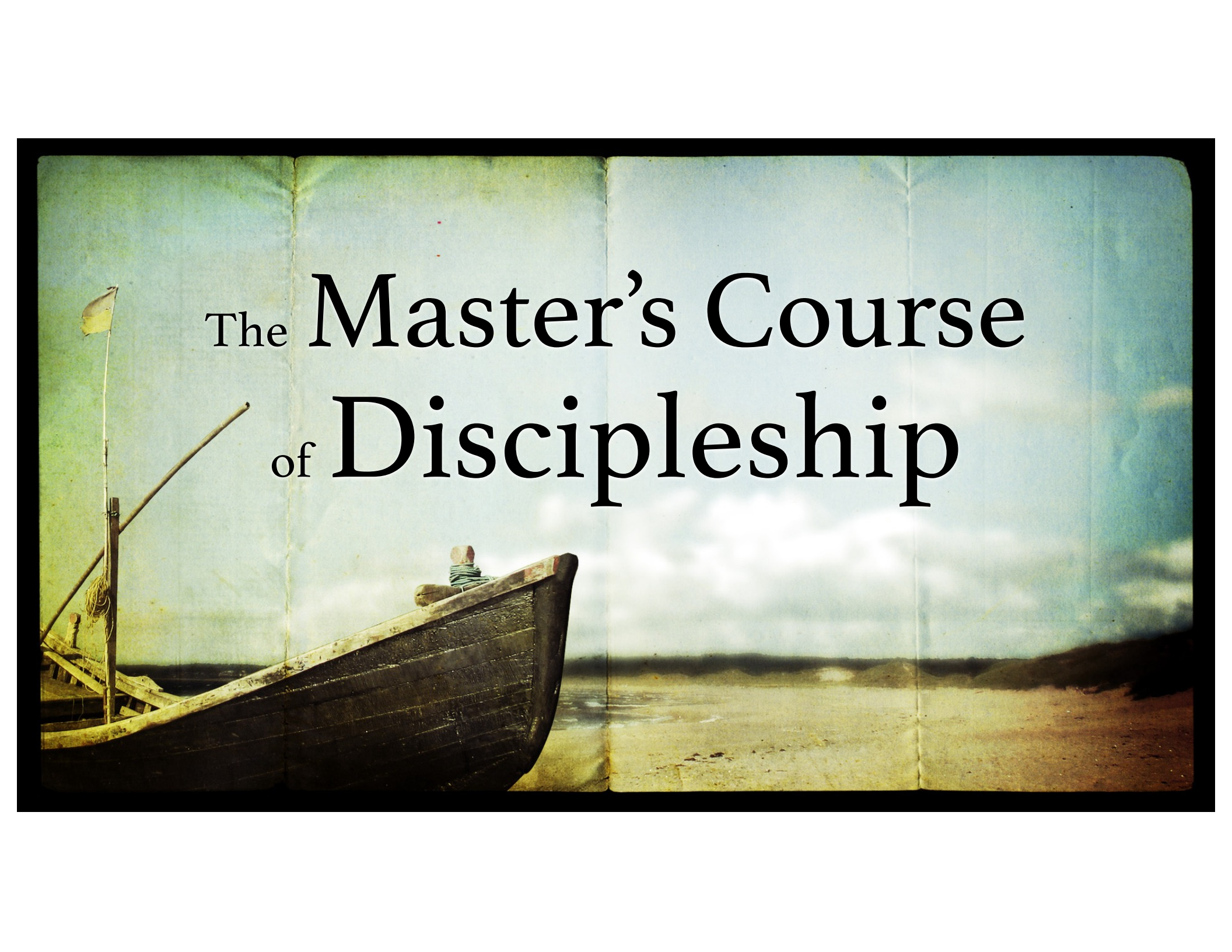
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